

The Croton-on-Hudson Village Newsletter

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July Calendar

- 7 & 21 Village Board Mtg.
- 1 & 22 Planning Bd. Mtg.
- 1 VEB
- 2 Cons. Advisory Council
- 4 July 4th HOLIDAY
- 9 Zoning Board
- 16 Water Control Comm.

August Calendar

- 20 Village Board Mtg.
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- 5 VEB
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Croton Drainage Study Completed

A study commissioned by the Village Board to study drainage areas in Croton has been completed. The study, done over two years by the firm Dvirka and Bartilucci, identified and analyzed all of the drainage systems in the Village, a total of 20 in all. Additional attention was directed at three drainage areas of special priority due to the impacts on them that were discerned after Hurricane Floyd in 1999 and the Father's Day storm in 2001. The 1999 storm was officially recorded at 7.2" in 24 hours — a so-called '100-year storm'. The 2001 storm was 4.9" in 24 hours — a '10-year storm'.

A presentation by Anthony Conetta, of D & B, on June 16th, provided an overview of the study of the hydrologic and hydraulic conditions and the nature and magnitude of runoff rates for the entire Village.

The three priority drainage systems are #9 High Street, #10 Brook St., and #11 Grand St./Harrison Ave. Each of these

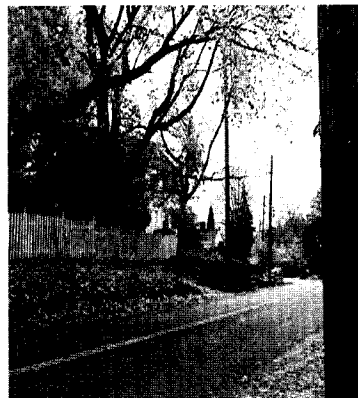
three areas was further subdivided into subareas for analysis. The study examined storm flow water capacity within these three systems and proposes a system for them capable of conveying a minimum 5-year storm event. A 5-year storm event is the usual criteria for a municipal project.

In some cases sedimentation has built up over years, impeding the flow of water in big storm events. Also, structures built on private property and regrading and filling have also contributed to impeding the flow of water. Greater detention capability in some areas is also needed. The study recommends creation of a new law regarding modifications on private property affecting Village watercourses. Improvements are also recommended for each of the three areas as well as a program of periodic inspections and maintenance. The range of cost for these improvements is from 3 to 4.5 million dollars.

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New Maple Ave. Sidewalk—Before and After



The new sidewalk on Maple Ave. at Olcott is shown above in various stages of completion. Shown from the left, the initial clearing; partial excavation in Fall 2002; and completed wall and sidewalk—June 2003. See more sidewalk news on Page 3 inside.



cut and save

SUMMER MOVIE AND CONCERT SERIES

MOVIES

Movies are at Senasqua Park at dusk. In case of rain, they will be shown the next day.

July 9 TOY STORY (G)

Adventures of "Woody" and "Buzz Lightyear" in a computer-generated fantasy of an eclectic assortment of toys.

July 16 TOY STORY 2 (G)

In this sequel, Buzz Lightyear and other toys must save Woody from a toy collector.

July 23 OSMOSIS JONES (PG)

The body of Frank Pepperidge becomes the center of a battle against a cold virus as blood cell officer 'Osmosis' and a cold tablet, 'Drixorial', fight against Frank's evil invaders.

July 30 SNOW DAY (IN JULY) (PG)

School is closed in this magical comedy set in the drifts of a snow day in upstate New York.

August 6 JUMANJI (PG)

Jumanji, an ancient board game, is full of make-believe, magic and imagination.

CONCERTS

Concerts are on Fridays at 7:00 PM in Senasqua Park. Rain date is Saturday night.

July 11 SECOND WIND

Popular locals lead off the concert series this year.

July 18 DOC ROCK

Join Croton's local Pediatrician Larry Baskind and his band for a night of fun.

July 25 BLUE WATER

This Croton band plays acoustic and electric rock.

August 1 FALLOUT

Our ever-popular Croton band will once again rock at Senasqua.

August 8 UNCHAINED

Join local resident Dan Howald and his band for music and fun.

August 15 WEST OF CENTER

Croton will hear these local musicians play and sing a variety of musical styles.



New Trash Receptacles Unveiled in Upper Village



Outside Robbins Pharmacy

The Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School 8th grade, under the guidance of local ceramicist Emily Phillips, recently completed an 8-week "Artist in Residence" project with the installation of six newly decorated trash receptacles on the sidewalks of the Village. The hexagonal trash receptacles, formerly covered with cement and pebble surfaces, are now colorfully displaying the activities and interests of the Village's 13 and 14 year olds.

The student project was to create something to make the trash receptacles more visually appealing. The students created objects out of clay and made molds to make multiples of their ob-

jects. These were fired and glazed in many colors, arranged into their final design and grouted together. The Village DPW then helped in cementing the ceramic panels to the six sides of the trash receptacles in time for unveiling at Summerfest on June 1.



In front of Tricia's Kitchen



Reminder!

The Village Offices will be closed on Friday, July 4th for the National Holiday!

Spotlight on Ed Walsh

Since Jan. 1974, Ed has been working for Croton—almost 30 years. Since his first day, he has been with the Dept. of Public Works. Beginning as a laborer, he moved up to Village Mechanic and Garage Foreman, a position he held for 20 years. For the last 7 years, Ed has been the Ass't. General Foreman for the DPW.

As Ass't. General Foreman, Ed handles a variety of tasks. On a daily basis, he writes up work assignments for the work crews. Depending on the day or the problem, these assignments may include sanitation,

streets, signs, sewers, or trees. He also orders materials that are needed and prepares requisitions. Most importantly, Ed likes his job of assisting residents with their concerns or complaints. He feels he is the interface between the work crews and the public. Often, he can be seen around the Village either checking on the work crews or meeting with residents about their requests. Computers have also become important to Ed's job, as he updates Croton's GIS system to help track locations of sewers, signs, tree replacements, and anything else that will be helpful to the

DPW in the future.

Since 1955, Croton has been Ed's home. He and his wife, Noreen, have raised two sons here. Both attended Croton schools and are now married. Spending time with his family is one of his pleasures (he recently became a grandfather) along with working in his shop at home. He is a member of the Washington Engine Co., and acts as Secretary for both the Company and the Fire Council. In his remaining spare time, he has started an embroidery business with his wife's help.



"I enjoy finding solutions to problems, dealing with the public and working for the DPW."

Ed Walsh



Village Sidewalk Program

The Village currently has a sidewalk replacement program in which the Village contributes 50% of the cost. This will continue until May 2005, at which time the Village will pay 25% until the end of the program in May 2007. It is a

homeowner responsibility to maintain their sidewalks in good condition. So far, about 50 replacements a year have been done. There are currently about 95 applications which have not been measured and estimated.

Applications received before the May 2005 deadline will receive the 50% reimbursement even if their sidewalk is not completed by that time. For efficiency in time and cost, the replacements are not performed on a first come, first serve basis. Rather, when possible, several sidewalks in the same area will be done at once. Joe Sperber, in the Village Engineer's Office, is managing the program. He has observed that when the replacements are actually done, neighbors often decide to apply at that time. When this happens, more contiguous sidewalk can be done at once although not necessarily in the order of the applications being made. To make an application, contact the Village Engineering Office at 271-4783.



Dog Reminder!

There is a continuing concern in the Village Recreation Dept. about the problem of people bringing their dogs to Village Parks. Chapter

108 of the Village Code clearly states that dogs are prohibited in any public park, playground or school property whether or not they are on a leash. Additionally, people walking their dogs are required to remove all feces and deposit them in an airtight container. The Recreation Dept. is asking for strict enforcement, but you can help eliminate this problem by following the rules regarding dog walking. Be a good neighbor!

We're on the Web. Visit us at [Http://village-croton-on-Hudson.ny.us/](http://village-croton-on-Hudson.ny.us/)

Got a Question?



Can I play golf at Hudson National Golf Course?



Residents of the Village and the School District can play at HNGC once a month as tee times permit. A \$10 annual registration is required at the Recreation Dept. and a Village Photo ID. When registered, you are placed on an eligible list. Once tee times are distributed, it is up to you to arrange your twosome or foursome from others on the list. Green fees of \$30. for Village Residents and \$40. for School District residents must be paid in advance for each person before the reservation is confirmed. There is also a caddy fee to be paid at the course.

In this issue we would like to ask you what questions you would like answered when the Newsletter resumes in the September issue.

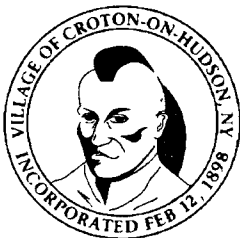
In past issues we have responded to questions

about pets, vehicle storage, trash containers and recycling, snow removal from sidewalks and Christmas tree pickups. We would like to know what is on your mind and what you would like more information on, either as a question or an article. If you have a suggestion or a question, please send it to the Village Office at 1 Van Wyck St., Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520, call the Village Office at 271-4781 or email it to Janine King at janking@bestweb.net. We will make every attempt to provide the information or answer

Seniors Summer Schedule

During the summer months, the Croton Seniors hold their Friday meetings at the Pavilion in Senasqua Park, weather permitting. All senior residents are invited to join in. There are also some special events this summer including a "Pride of the Hudson Cruise" in July and a Culinary Institute Tour and Lunch at DeMedici in August. Call Marie Weigman at 271-5804, M/W/F for more information on these events.

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